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Bolivia

Until the 16th century, what is now known as Bolivia was part of several South American empires. In 1543, the area was conquered by Spain. In the 19th century, the country achieved independence and was named Bolivia after military leader Simón Bolívar. Since that time, the country has suffered numerous coups. A democracy was established in 1982; however, leaders have faced difficulties rooted in poverty, social unrest, and illegal drug production, all of which lead to injustice and the disintegration of the moral fabric of society. The Church of the Nazarene, established in Bolivia in 1945, has a significant role to play in addressing these problems. As you will read in the story that follows, there is a great movement among young people who are responding to God's call on their lives to actively participate in the transformation of Bolivian society.



13,247 Members



237 Fully Organized Churches; 18 Not Yet Organized Churches



169 District Licensed and 116 Ordained Ministers on 6 Districts

PRAYER



- Pray for God to raise up missionaries and church planters across the country.
- Pray for the cities of the 112 Bolivian provinces* where the Church of the Nazarene is not yet present.
- Pray that each pastor and leader in Bolivia will experience a personal, deep, and permanent revival in their hearts and ministries.

PRAISE



- We praise God that in 2023 the Church of the Nazarene is officially present in the nine department capitals* of the country.
- Praise God for the more than 110 young people who accepted God's call to a specific ministry at the recent National NYI Congress.
- Praise God for the integral work in the prison carried out by the Church of the Nazarene in the city of Santa Cruz, with the support of NMI, NCM, and the pastors of the Santa Cruz District.

*Bolivia has nine departments and each one has a capital city. Inside each department, there are provinces that also have capital cities. There are 112 provinces in the nine departments in Bolivia.



More than 260 Bolivian youth attended a national congress with the purpose of being challenged to follow the Lord's calling into service.

The Bolivian NYI experienced a great revival at the 2023 National NYI Congress “Here I am, send me” from April 28 to May 1 in Jiwasa, La Paz, Bolivia. More than 260 young people from the six districts were present to seek the presence of God and discover their call to a ministry in the Lord's work.

The presence of the Lord moved through the messages of special guests. Throughout the event, the call to ministry was emphasized; everything that was lived during these days was key so that the young people could connect with God, listen to His voice, and accept the call. We rejoice because over 110 young people found and accepted their call to a specific ministry! The commitment of national leaders now is to mentor and guide these young people.



More than 100 youth heard the voice of God calling them into a specific ministry. They accepted and left willing to prepare themselves for this time. To God be the Glory!

The National NYI Congress blessed many lives:

“My name is María Mercedes Castro, I am from the Central District of Cochabamba and the Nazarene Villa México Church; The experience I had was very beautiful. I learned that our identity is important and that I should continue in ministry. I am a children's teacher. I felt the inspiration to be a children's pastor; I would love to do that.”

“Greetings, my name is Juan Daniel Pérez, I am from the La Paz District, Sucre. The congress was wonderful, and it was the first time I participated. I feel happy because I felt the call to be a youth pastor. I am leaving very blessed.”

“I am from the Yungas District, and I am very grateful to the Lord. This is the first time I have participated, and I know that the Lord touched my heart and I have been called to evangelism ministry. I have that desire, and I know that He is going to open doors for me and for the Yungas District.”



The national NYI team, along with the National Ministries Coordinator Hermán Alcántara, were guided by God to hold this youth camp and are hopeful to see it bear much fruit for the glory of God.

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